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Attorney Docket No.: 2003_1640A

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Title: ARTICLES SEPARATING AND SUPPLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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- Descriptive title of the Invention

- Cross References to Related Applications

- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D

- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.

- Background of the Invention

- Brief Summary of the Invention

- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)

- Detailed Description

- Claim(s)

- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 4]

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6. Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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a. Computer Readable Form

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
 Power of Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).
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17. Other 1. Submission of English/Japanese Declaration and
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2. Claim of Priority Under 35 USC 119

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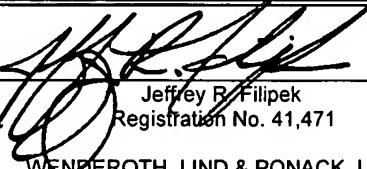
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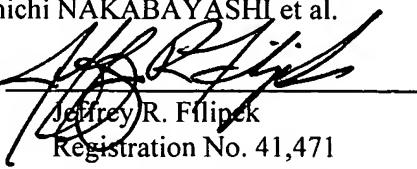
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